



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5451

February Session, 2000

An Act Establishing An Advisory Commission On Services And Supports For Persons With Developmental Disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There is established an Advisory Commission
2 on Services and Supports for Persons With Developmental Disabilities.
3 The commission shall consist of: (1) One member appointed by the
4 speaker of the House of Representatives and one member appointed
5 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be members of
6 the General Assembly; (2) one member appointed by the minority
7 leader of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by
8 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be members of the General
9 Assembly; (3) a representative of the Governor; (4) the Secretary of the
10 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; (5) the
11 Commissioner of Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's designee;
12 (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the
13 commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Children and
14 Families, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of
15 Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner
16 of Education, or the commissioner's designee; and (10) sixteen persons
17 who shall be individuals with developmental disabilities who do not
18 have a condition defined as mental retardation pursuant to section 1-
19 1g of the general statutes, as amended, representatives of providers of
20 services to such individuals, or members of the families of or advocates

21 for such individuals, three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker
22 of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by
23 the president pro tempore of the Senate, three of whom shall be
24 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
25 three of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
26 and four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

27 (b) The advisory commission shall:

28 (1) Study the need for services and supports for individuals with
29 developmental disabilities who do not have a condition defined as
30 mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g of the general statutes, as
31 amended. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (A) defining
32 the population to be served, (B) identifying the types of services and
33 supports needed, (C) identifying how such services and supports can
34 best be delivered, and (D) identifying the costs of such services and
35 supports; and

36 (2) Not later than January 1, 2001, submit a report of its findings and
37 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
39 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

40 (c) The Department of Mental Retardation shall provide such staff
41 as is necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of the
42 advisory commission.

43 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PH Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 18 Nay 0 JF